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System and Method for Optically Monitoring the Concentration of a

Gas, or the Pressure in a Sample Vial to Detect Sample Growth.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated October 7, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as stated in the **Amendments to** the Claims beginning on page 2 of this response.

Please consider the Remarks/Arguments beginning on Page 12 of this response.